

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



June 2006 Time Local/ Path Length Path Number of Estimated Width Damage Persons

TEXAS, North

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Cooke - Grayson - Fannin - Lamar - Wise - Denton - Collin - Hunt - Delta - Hopkins - Palo Pinto - Parker - Tarrant - Dallas - Rockwall - Kaufman - Van Zandt - Rains - Erath - Hood - Somervell - Johnson - Ellis - Henderson - Hamilton - Bosque -143>148-157>162-174>175 Hill - Navarro - Freestone - Anderson - Coryell - Bell - Mclennan - Falls - Limestone - Leon - Milam - Robertson

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After a few weeks of respite, north Texas was once again placed into the category of severe drought (D2) according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. NOAA reported that 12 to 15 inches of rain was needed across north Texas to bring the Palmer Drought Severity Index back to near normal values. Spring rainfall continued to lack, increasing rainfall deficits since January 2006 to anywhere from a couple of inches to almost nine inches in some locations. Temperatures also remained quite warm, and the National Climatic Data Center reported that the first half of the year was the warmest ever on record for the U.S. They also reported that Texas in particular was warmer than average for the period. Disaster declarations remained in place for Collin, Comanche, Parker, and Somervell Counties due to the drought. Warm temperatures, plenty of dry fuel, and the ongoing drought continued to present dangerous wildfire opportunities. Outdoor burn bans remained in place for many north Texas Counties

The hydrologic drought continued to affect area lakes. Lake Lewisville was over 8 feet below normal this month, and Lake Lavon was almost 11 feet below normal. Bridgeport, Hubbard Creek, and Jim Chapman reservoirs were all more than 10 feet below normal pool elevation. Beginning June 1, Fort Worth and Arlington imposed mandatory water restrictions between 10 AM and 6 PM daily. The North Texas Municipal Water District, which serves 1.5 million people in Collin, Dallas, Denton, Hunt, Kaufman, and Rockwall Counties, began Stage 3 water restrictions this month, which allows residents to water their lawns only once a week. The city of Lavon in Collin County stopped allowing residents to fill new swimming pools as a result of the water shortage

The drought remained a problem for the agricultural sector as well. Recent data showed that wheat production in Texas was down 64% from last year, and oat production was down 18%. The U.S. Department of Agriculture approved Governor Rick Perry's request for drought relief in several counties, including Hamilton, Johnson, and McLennan. Farmers and ranchers in these counties were eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency.

The current U.S. seasonal outlook through September 2006 forecasts drought conditions over north Texas to persist or intensify, with marginal improvement possible in areas of southeastern north Texas.

TXZ141 Comanche

> 1K Strong Wind (ES35)

A deepening low pressure system in the lee of the Rockies resulted in gusty south winds. The winds blew a tree onto a power line in De Leon

TXZ104 Collin

> 1520CST 2KStrong Wind (ES48)

A Bradford Pear tree split and fell onto a power line in McKinney. This was caused by strong winds associated with dissipating

Stephens County

2230CST Thunderstorm Wind (ES50) Breckenridge

Numerous tree limbs down.

TXZ158 Bell

> 0630CST 17 10K Strong Wind (ES35)

A power line fell across a three-car garage in Temple, melting and setting fire to the adjacent aluminum gutters and wooden walls.



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Lightning struck and split a marble slab near the front entrance of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. The strike damaged the school's telephone and sprinkler systems. Most of the telephones and wiring on the campus had to be replaced.